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Christmas. A time of tradition and a time to remember. Remember when you used to hang your stocking in eager anticipation of the visit of Saint Nick. Remember when you used to sing "Away in a Manger" for the Sunday school program. And remember when they decorated the Landmark for Christmas.

Now you grumble about having to send Christmas cards while finals are coming up. And there are crowds in all the stores when you're doing

your shopping. And the 50-cent grab bag is now a dollar and a half.

But Christmas is still a holiday and a time to visit family and friends.

Your family and friends may not be the same as they used to be and holiday traditions may have altered. Like the Landmark, they have changed making way for growth and progress.

Remember fondly the good times of Christmases past even if the reminders have been torn down. Photo from the Missourian files.

Telephones to be installed

Telephones will be installed in the high-rise dorms next semester said Senator Steve Cipolla following the Dec. 6 Senate meeting. President Dr. B.D. Owens has approved a proposal that allows for two telephones to be put on each floor. Out-going calls will be able to be made to others on campus and in Maryville.

Each phone will have a different three digit number and will be connected to the PBX system. (The telephone system on campus.) All in-coming calls will go through the desk as presently done. Out-going calls will be able to be made from the phones on the floors. The pay phones will remain as they are.

The phones are being tried on a trial basis in the high-rises. The following spring all dorms should have phones.

Senator Tom Lancaster reported that 237 students participated in the blood drive

Dec. 5 with 198 pints of blood received. Alpha Kappa Lambda Fraternity received the Dracula Award; 43 percent of their members gave blood. Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority had 36 percent of their members give blood and Student Senate had 30 percent.

Senator Steve Long submitted a proposal that could settle the \$3-fee dispute. The proposal made three recommendations:

1. that all students living in the dorms pay the fee, disregarding the legality of it. It will save the University embarrassment in case the fee is challenged in court, and it will insure the continued funding of IRC.

2. that a committee be made up of students, staff and administrators to clarify and define all unclear sections of the housing contract.

3. and that IRC publish a list of their expenditures for the fall '77 semester.

This is so that students can compare the current program with the increased budget to past programs.

Senate unanimously approved the proposal. It will be sent to other committees and administrators for their approval.

Many complaints were made about the ice-covered steps and sidewalks. Student Affairs Committee will contact the proper people to get them cleared.

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Conference organizes student governments

The Missouri Student Government Conference, held Dec. 3-4, was an opportunity "to gain ideas and insights about how other Student Senates operate,"

according to Senate President Rex Gwinn. Held at Northeast Missouri State University, Kirksville, eight NWMSU Student Senate members participated in what junior President Mic Jones called "The first time for any concentrated effort in Missouri history for any coalition of students."

According to Jones, the conference was "An exchange of information with other universities in the areas of housing, student activities, general rules and regulations concerning alcohol, budget (university and senate), student press freedom, student legal service, and student government organizations in general."

Citing as a goal the influencing of University administrations and the state government, Jones was one of 25 students participating in the conference. Gwinn noted that the universities "have a greater voice in the state legislature combined than by oneself."

The conference, initiated by NEMSU, was attended by five Missouri universities: NEMSU, NWMSU, SEMSU, SWMSU and University of Missouri at Rolla.

The constitutional convention will be held Feb. 25-26 when a charter will be drawn up and officers elected. Held at SWMSU, this conference will strive to get all Missouri state schools involved.

Housing, student activities, student-administration relations, search and seizure and university governance were topics of the conference workshops held Dec. 3.

According to Jones, "we have the most liberal housing as far as visitation, and Southeast is the most conservative."

"Regardless of what people may think, there is a big difference in the southern and the northern part of the state," said Gwinn. Comparing our 92 open dorm hours a week with SEMSU's nine, Gwinn feels that "we're pretty fortunate and should be thankful for the administration staff we have."

Speaking at the workshops was lawyer Ron Rains. According to Gwinn, Rains "inferred that legal rights on campus are not always equal to legal rights off campus."

On Dec. 4, there was an evaluation of the conference and a discussion of future conferences. State Representative Harry Hill spoke at the luncheon "stressing the importance of such an organization."

Those participating in the conference from NWMSU were: Rex Gwinn, president; Darryl Zellers, vice-president; Mic Jones, junior president; JeAnn Soren, junior senator; Steve Holle, junior senator; Greg Hatten, sophomore president; Steve Cippola, freshman president and Gaichylle O'Dell, Hudson representative.

"Communication was what it was all about," said Gwinn. As a result of the conference, Gwinn feels that "we are very fortunate at Northwest because we don't have the problems in quantity and magnitude that the other schools have."



The Honorable James I. Spainhower, treasurer of Missouri and Maryville High School graduate, came home to address the audience at the Circle K Charter Banquet. Photo by Kathy Bovaird.

Spainhower addresses Circle K

Circle K, campus service organization, held its charter banquet Nov. 29 in the J.W. Jones Union Ballroom.

The Honorable James I. Spainhower, treasurer of the State of Missouri, gave the keynote address. Spainhower said that a service club is an "action club".

He told the group that there are three ways to perform action. One is person to person, another is through voluntary organizations, and the other is through vocations.

Other guests of honor included Dr. Myral C. Coatney, Missouri-Arkansas District adviser for Circle K, who presented the club's charter to the club President Mike Kinman. Steve Dempsey, president of the Maryville Kiwanis Club, made the presentation of gifts to the new club.

Al Williams, Circle K governor of the Missouri-Arkansas District, was also present at the banquet. In his talk, Williams called Circle K "a great moment in a college student's life." He said joining Circle K is taking a giant step to help change the world.

Perry Echelberger, club adviser, was master of ceremonies. Laurie Anderson, secretary, reported that NWMSU's Circle K was chartered in the summer of '77. By September the club had 19 charter members.

The club has two continuous projects. One is serving as ushers at all University plays and the other is adopting the developmentally disabled adults of Maryville. Circle K has also served the elderly and collected for the United Way and CROP, a program providing food and work projects for starving countries around the world.

Members are Kinman, Kyle Garrett, vice-president; Anderson, Kevin Garrett, treasurer; Ron Alden, Greg Anderson, Jane Archer, Kenneth Barnes, Terry Collins, Edna Colmenero, Julie Connor, Chris Engel, Monica Gilaspie.

Bill Gorsuch, Barry Harms, Carla Krull, Paula Mires, Chris Montgomery, Carol Negaard, Debbie Newton, Ndubuisi Okereke, Allen Southern, Dawn Tarpley, Debbie Walley and Lisa Wilson.

Doyle Van Dyne is the club's other adviser.

Closed classes thwart some

Bob Power

How many times have you set up the "perfect" class schedule for yourself only to have it ruined by closed classes?

It's not uncommon for this to happen, especially to freshmen, who are last to register. Every semester students go through the pain and agony of rescheduling their classes at pre-registration.

Pain and agony? According to Martha Cooper, registrar, it can be traumatic for some students.

"Some students have built themselves up to a schedule they want, the time they want and the instructor they want, only to be let down," Cooper said. Cooper says some students have even broken down and cried when they discover a class has been closed.

Cooper suggested having each department balance their course offerings as a possible solution to the problem.

Dr. George English, vice president of academic affairs, said that there are a "multitude of reasons" for closed classes. One of the reasons is popularity of the instructor. If one instructor is well-liked, then every student is going to try to get into one of his classes. Consequently, his classes are closed.

Another reason is time. Most students have ideal times for classes. Many don't want to schedule eight o'clock classes because they don't like to get up early. Others don't like to schedule classes after one o'clock because they like to have the afternoon free. And still others won't schedule night classes for the simple

reason they want their nights to themselves.

Required courses are bound to fill up faster than others according to experts. Dr. Richard Fulton, chairman of the Department of Political Science, said that all 11 sections of American government are filled. Fulton says the reason is "there are some upperclassmen that haven't taken the class yet so they take." Consequently, there is very little room for underclassmen. Fulton echoed the problem of favorite faculty.

There are other reasons--roommates wanting to take the same classes, special interest classes, slough courses and on and on and on.

Dr. English said there could be a quick answer to this problem, but no one would like it. That would be to let all classes be open to 100 students. However, the University feels that better teaching occurs in a smaller class.

"Section size must be maintained," said English. "If not we'll lose the quality of education."

Closed classes--for some a major problem--for others another aspect of college life.

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Dear Santa,

Lean your ear this way, Santa, there are 19 more letters to read from the 24 children in JoAnn Stamm's first level class at Horace Mann Learning Center.

In addition to the requests in the printed letters, the students asked for 21 different gifts. The most popular item this year is Stretch Monster, appearing on seven lists, and Stretch Armstrong, mentioned five times.

The 19 youngsters asked for four games, three Bionic Bigfoots, two bikes and one drum set. And an organ, a Max Machine, a polar set, a play diesel, a football helmet, a model plane, a six million dollar man. And two Holly Hobbie Ovens and two Tenderlove'n'kisses dolls.

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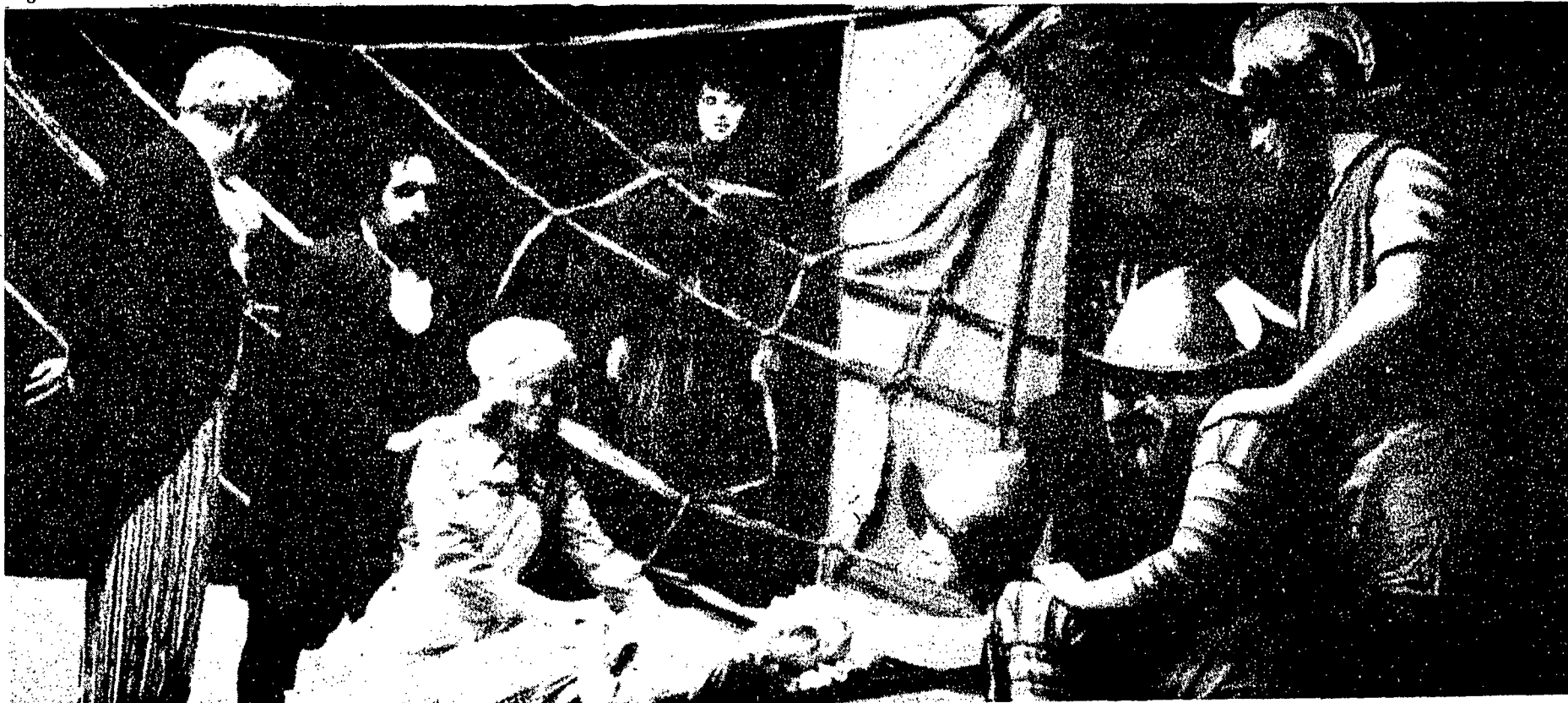
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The cast of "Once Upon a Clothesline," a children's theater presentation, prepare for production Dec. 12-14. Photo by Dave Gieseke.

Fanciful play presented for kiddies of all ages

It isn't a morality play; it doesn't contain significant social commentary. "Once Upon a Clothesline" is simply a fun tale to be enjoyed by children of all ages. Performances for "Clothesline" are at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 12-14 with a 7:30 p.m.

Area children are strongly encouraged to attend, but college students also, especially elementary educations, learning disabilities majors and those with emphasis in children's literature. "Drama's getting to be quite a big thing in elementary schools," said student director Dick Blair, "and many students here will be required to put on school plays. This could be a valuable learning experience for them."

Admission for all persons is fifty cents, with the proceeds going into a scholarship fund for theater majors and minors and other persons active in theater.

This production is totally student produced and directed. The student directors are Dick Blair and Ange Felling, with Felling carrying a major part of the responsibility for overseeing total coordination and cohesiveness for the entire production. Greg Anderson is the light designer. Ella Slaughter and Teresa Elder are responsible for costumes and Kevir Cordray and Slaughter are designing makeup.

One unique aspect of this show is that the sets will be changed casually in full view of the audience. They want the children to see how everything is done to increase their understanding and enjoyment. Also, none of the characters is human-probably the most difficult task for the cast.

How does a cricket look sad? How does a two-legged human move like an eight-legged spider convincingly? One student portraying a cricket for the play did research on crickets to make his part as believable as possible.

The acting for such a play differs from the usual formula also. Mary Kay McDermott, the Black Spider, said "Of course, the acting is much more exaggerated than in most of the kinds of plays we do. It's very broad--a lot like vaudeville. There's comedy, suspense and melodrama. It's just a lot of fun to do."

This award-winning play by Haran Harris provides an hour of solid enjoyment for little kids and bigger kids alike. Taking place as it does during the pressures of finals week, it might be the answer to temporarily relieve some of those jittery nerves.

Don't expect Shakespeare or Albee, but if you still have a secret hankering for Saturday morning cartoons (in other words, if you're still a closet kid) you might give "Clothesline" a pull (sorry about that).

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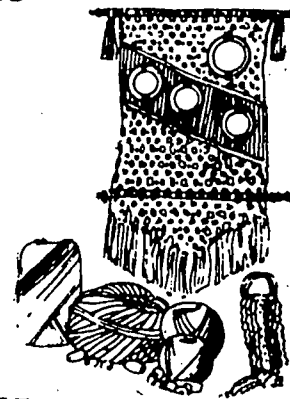
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Traditional Christmas feast features old-time festivities

What has become a traditional signal for the start of the Christmas season on the Northwest Missouri State University campus will be held Thursday and Friday evenings as the University's music department presents its third annual Madrigal Feaste.

The highly popular Feaste, which begins at 6:30 p.m. in the J.W. Jones Union Ballroom, has attracted capacity crowds of more than 275 persons for both evenings.

Whitney says madrigals are 15th century poems which originated in Italy and spread through Europe, finally achieving popularity in 16th-century Elizabethan England. There, the madrigals took the form of feasting, singing, merriment, and dancing, and Whitney says the traditions from those earlier feastes provides an excellent theme

for celebrating the advent season and the birth of Christ.

Serving as the host for the Feaste as the Lord of the Manor will be Dr. George Hinshaw, associate professor of speech and theatre.

Some 65-70 University students are involved in the production and presentation of the Feaste, plus seven fifth grade students at the University's Horace Mann Learning Center will play in an Ensemble Recorder Group.

An addition to this year's program will be a presentation by the Madraliers of a short play from Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream." The play will be directed by Steve Wray, a junior broadcasting major.



From left, Madraliers Wayne Day, Laura Frazier, Kent Standerford, Jay Reveill and Ila Brown dress up medieval-style in preparation for the Madrigal Feaste this Thursday and Friday. Photo by Jay Liebenguth.



Chorale member Charles Reineke rehearses for the Dec. 11 Christmas Concert. Photo by Chuck Stoltz.

Choir presents seasonal songs

The 120-voice University Chorale, conducted by Byron Mitchell, will present a Christmas Concert, Dec. 11. The concert will be held in the Charles Johnson Theatre of the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building at 3:00 p.m.

Mitchell, assistant professor of music, said the 120-voice chorale and soloists will present Part One of Handel's "Messiah." Frances Mitchell, assistant professor of music, will be the organist.

The Chorale's soloists performing the "Messiah" include Ann Carlin, alto; Mary McDermott, soprano; Susan Silvius, alto; Curtis Tempel, bass; Chris Thomas, bass; and Julie Webb, alto.

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SEX improves second floor Cook lounge

Barbara Alexander

Initiative, perserverence and SEX have accomplished much on second floor Cook.

Lcd by their Resident Assistant Jeff Weir, the men have worked to improve their living areas this fall. They organized their floor into a loosely-knit fraternity with the Greek name, Sigma Epsilon Chi--Greek letters S-E-X.

"I liked the convenience of South complex," said Weir, who lived there his freshman year also. "But the living conditions were dirty and lousy. So I applied for the position of RA."

Before school started, Weir attended an RA workshop presented by area coordinators Rob Wheeler and Mike Van Guilder. There he became enthusiastic about the second floor residents improving their living conditions themselves.

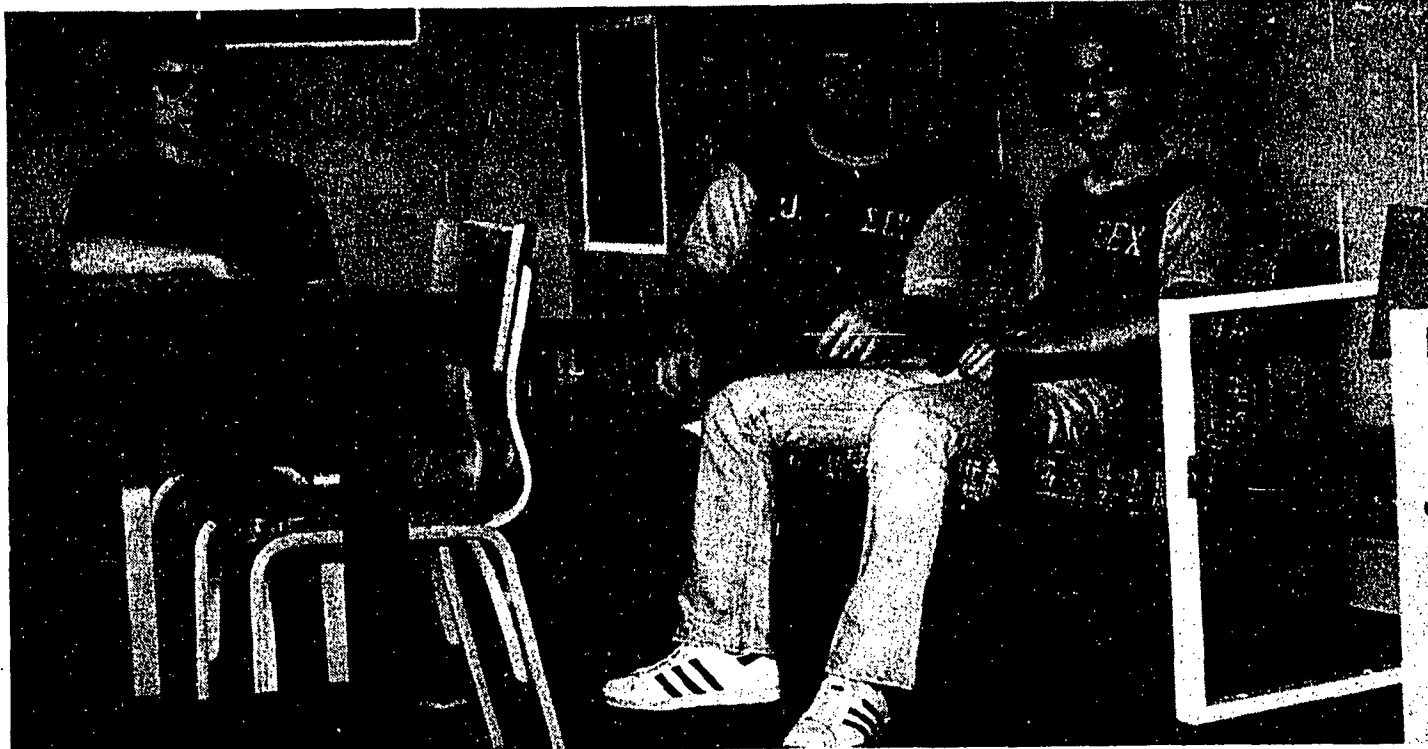
The first area the men tackled was an unused lounge area. Getting started wasn't so easy.

"It took me the first two months of school to get three gallons of paint," said Weir. "I got tired of the red tape."

Wheeler pointed out that Weir failed to apply through channels for his paint. Dr. John Mees, vice-president for student development, complimented Weir on his enthusiasm and group coordination, but also mentioned that Weir did not proceed according to University procedures.

Once the paint was obtained, it wasn't the color wanted by the floor residents, so they added blue tint until they reached the shade desired.

After painting the lounge, the men salvaged furniture from other areas on campus--a chair from the basement of Cooper Hall, carpeting from the Administration Building, couch and tables from elsewhere on campus. Wheeler, Van Guilder and Dr. Robert Bush, acting head of the physical plant, helped with locating and obtaining the furniture.



Wearing their floor T-shirts and enjoying their redecorated lounge are second floor Cook residents Kevin Hues, left, Jeff Jones and Dave Dwiggins. Photo by Chuck Stolz.

After second floor Cook accomplished so much, third floor Richardson painted two restrooms. Since that time, second floor Cook residents have painted their restroom and hall.

Even while Weir spoke of his frustration with the bureaucracy of the University, he also spoke of the support given to his floor's project by Dr. Mees, Dr. Bush and President Owens. "Owens came over and looked at it (the lounge). Mees is doing the coordinating between students and the administration. He deserves a lot of credit as well as Bush," said Weir.

"I went out on a limb for Jeff," said Dr. Bush. "His was an example project, and it was a positive educational experience for the students."

Besides painting and fixing-up with University materials, the second floor Cook students have donated their own money and possessions to finish their living rooms.

With the new University paint policy, the men can now decorate their own rooms. And they may expand SEX into a new fraternity.

"The students deserve a lot of credit," said Weir. The men have T-shirts with

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FACT: It is estimated that 75 percent of retailers' losses are caused by employees.

FACT: Shoplifting is the fastest growing form of larceny.
"People need a stimulation to be satisfied," said Rick Long, counseling psychologist, "so they shoplift. They feel it is a challenge and it satisfies them."

There is no "typical shoplifter," according to Lester Keith, Maryville's director of public safety. "Young people, the average shoppers, drug addicts, store employees, professionals and kleptomaniacs are all shoplifters. The ages of Maryville shoplifters range from 13-49. From January to October of this year there have been 19 arrests made."

Several reasons for shoplifting are offered by psychologists. People from rich families shoplift because they are bored. Society puts pressure on people to have certain items. Others shoplift to rebel against authority, and some do it because they don't have any money.

"Most shoplifters don't need what they steal because they can afford what they take," commented Keith. "They do it for kicks or think the stores won't miss what they take. They also give the excuse that the check-out lines are too long."

"I think that it's too bad that people stoop to shoplifting. It's pitiful. Lots of people do it for the fun of it," said junior Mary McMickle. "Shoplifting stems from the home-it's the parents who teach children their values and morals. Shoplifting is unfortunate for the people who get ripped off."

Shoplifting increases during the Christmas season. It has been estimated two to three percent of sales are lost to thefts.

There is pressure to give gifts and have certain things at

Christmas such as decorations or Christmas cards, said Long. "People want to feel a part of things at Christmas, so they shoplift."

Maryville retailers confirmed that shoplifting increases around the holidays.

"The biggest flow of shoplifting is during December," said Dave Martin, manager of Gibson's Discount Store. "The things most taken are health and beauty items and small packaged automotive items." He also said that their typical shoplifter is the middle-aged housewife.

Bob Williams, assistant manager of Easter's Ben Franklin Store, also said shoplifting picks up at Christmas. "Records and

tapes are the things most often taken...Most of our shoplifters are juveniles."

People drop items into sacks, gym bags or purses, said Williams. "There are some who wear big bib overalls and slip LP's inside them."

Keith described other shoplifting techniques. He said some people go into a clothing store dressing room and put shoplifted clothes under their own. In shoe stores people take a new pair off the racks, replacing them with their old shoes.

Employees are a cause of much retailer loss. It is known by many that they rip off food for their lunches and ties or shirts for required store attire. They also let friends get by without paying for merchandise.

Across the country, the attitude of retailers used to be not to prosecute shoplifters. Only 25 percent of shoplifters were arrested. Reasons for the few arrests are that retailers didn't want to get a bad name, or they didn't want to be sued for false accusations.

Because of their huge loss, more retailers have begun prosecuting shoplifters. It is estimated that 75 percent of all shoplifters are now prosecuted.

The average fine for shoplifting across the country is \$100 and

"The biggest flow of shoplifting is during December."

a light sentence. In Maryville, the fine is \$50 plus \$5 for court costs. Few shoplifters have had jail sentences imposed for stealing merchandise totalling under \$50.

Retailers want to reduce shoplifting. They've begun using new alarm systems, installing two-way mirrors and closed-circuit televisions and hiring extra security.

The alarm systems involve magnetically sensitive tags that are attached to merchandise. They are removed by a clerk when the item is purchased. The item carried out of the store with the tag still on sets off an alarm.

Another means of prevention is publicity. Retailers have banned together to campaign against shoplifting. Missouri Department of Public Safety and the Missouri Retailers Association have begun this type of campaign. The program is educational and uses the media. Its theme is "getting caught isn't worth it."

Some retailers send their employees to schools to lecture students about the seriousness and consequences of shoplifting. Employees tell students a shoplifting record can prevent them from entering universities or getting good jobs.

Long feels free enterprise has created its own problem. "They advertise that 'a man is not a man, unless he has such and such'. This puts pressure on people, especially if their values lie in being in style. Therefore, they shoplift."

"I've shoplifted before," said one student who asked not to be identified. "I got caught. The store manager took me into his office and talked to me. I thought I was had. I was fifteen at the time and scared. Luckily the manager let me off... Shoplifting isn't worth it, not at all."

Capture -- humiliation of shoplifting

The sales clerk watched me. I twisted the big turquoise ring on my finger. All week I had been considering this moment. The plan had been put into action. I was about to be picked up for shoplifting in the University bookstore.

Although it was prearranged with the bookstore manager and campus security, I was beginning to cringe nervously under the winter coat I wasn't supposed to be wearing in the store.

But the time had come. I made sure the clerk realized I had the ring and when another customer came to the jewelry counter, I walked off, cramming the ring in my pocket.

She knew immediately. "Excuse me, Miss," she said loudly as I walked toward the book racks. When I didn't answer, she followed me.

"Where's the ring?" she asked.

"I put it back," I lied.

"Where? Show me."

"I can't remember."

"Come with me, please."

The saleswoman put her hand on my arm and led me to the front of the store. By this time a crowd had gathered.

"I know the ring is in your coat pocket," the woman said. "Let me feel your pocket."

The moment she felt the big lump, she began to shout for the bookstore manager. He asked me to empty my pocket. When I pulled out the ring, he escorted me to his office.

He called campus security, who arrived immediately.

The saleswoman told her version of what had happened, with the Director of Security quizzing her for more facts. He wrote a detailed account of my shoplifting and made a list of exactly what I had stolen.

Besides the \$220 ring, I had taken a \$45 ring, an NWMSU T-shirt, sweat socks, a bottle of perfume and a pair of earrings.

I was asked for my University I.D. I was told to empty my purse and remove my coat. I was informed that I was under arrest. My rights were read. Everyone stared at me, unfriendly. I felt cheap and guilty.

Very unceremoniously

**I was put in a cell,
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The security officers led me downstairs toward their office through a line of students waiting to eat in the cafeteria. I involuntarily lowered my head.

Inside the director's office, I was again told to remove my coat. Against a wall, I was checked over by a female officer for anything I might be concealing under my clothing.

In the presence of two officers, the Director of Security explained the serious nature of my situation. I was under arrest. Larceny. I would be placed in jail for a minimum of 20 hours until arraignment. A court date would be set. I would receive my sentence, which could mean one to three years in jail.

"What about finals?" I wondered. But I didn't ask.

Did I understand my rights? I understood. If I wished to waive those rights and sign a statement of my guilt things would be easier, I was told.

"Cooperation can't hurt," said one officer. I signed.

The statement was, in my own words, exactly what had taken place in the bookstore up to and including my capture.

After an okay from the sheriff, the four of us went to the city jail, located in the basement of the Maryville police station. One officer filled out reports while another took my finger prints. All ten fingers. Three times each. Black ink was everywhere.

I was photographed standing against a wall covered with black lines indicating height. First the front. Then profile.

The sheriff came and filled out several



more forms. My personal possessions were locked up. I was allowed one phone call.

Then, very unceremoniously, I was put in a cell, alone, and locked up. It was cold.

The cell was divided into three tiny cubicles and a slightly larger, more open room. One cubicle was being used for storage; the other two were dark, occupied by naked cots, grubby seatless toilets and lewd graffiti. The other room had been painted more recently. A coarse dark blanket lay folded on the otherwise bare cot, and a single bulb lit the room.

I sat. Three young men--I assumed they were jail employees--came to my door. Following several semi-disrespectful comments, one said, "Hey, isn't that the cot that guy threw up in last night?"

They laughed. But I guess the look on my face discouraged them because they went away.

I sat. The jail was quiet. Nothing happened for a long time, and I was tired of knocking my knuckles against the wall and staring through the bars.

Then a man came to my cell and offered me a cup of coffee. Even better than bread and water, I thought joyously. He brought it to me, hot and black. Shoving it through the bars, he asked, "They give you a rough time?"

"Well, not too bad, I guess."

"Good. Take it easy, okay?"

The first sign of compassion. I was feeling very much like a desperate criminal and his words made me feel human again.

After two hours, keys jangled down the hall. Freedom! As I was let out of my cell, someone said I was the "quietest prisoner in this jail for a long time."

"Thank you," I said. Then I shook my head. What kind of compliment was that? But I was out of jail. No charges were pressed against me. The farce was over. Looking back, I realize no pretty turquoise ring--or anything else--would be worth the degrading experience and dangerous consequences of real-life shoplifting.

Because stealing is too serious to be fun.



Shoplifting picking up

The art of shoplifting has become more popular each year, especially during the Christmas season. Above and clockwise, a sales clerk talks on the telephone while a girl shoplifts behind her; the University Bookstore manager and

saleswoman question Carole Patterson about the turquoise ring she shoplifted; a sign warns shoplifters of the seriousness of the crime; even in grocery stores, the shoplifting rate increases as the holiday season nears.



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Kathy Delk and
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Special thanks to the University bookstore, campus security and Maryville Department of Public Safety for their cooperation.

Snack Bar proposes changes

Michael Linehan, SAGA member and new director of the Union Snack Bar, is meeting regularly with students to hear suggestions for improvement in the service and food quality in the Den.

Results of the four meetings held so far include the addition of foods as ham and cheese sandwiches, waffles, pork tenderloins, burritos and a new type of hash browns to the menu.

Prices of waffles and hash browns have

been lowered to better accommodate the students, and specials will be held on a regular basis.

Linehan plans to distribute 150 copies of a survey about the snack bar to receive more student suggestions for possible changes.

Students meeting with Linehan are Mike Eichenberg, Steve Freel, Chrissy Schmidt and Laura Widmer. The group will meet again at 6:30, Dec. 13, in the Den.

—Finals Schedule—

Final exams begin at 1:00 p.m., Dec. 13 and end at 9:00 p.m. Dec. 19, 1977.

Classes meeting for the first time in the week:	Date and hour of final exam:
9:00 Tuesday.....	Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1:00 p.m.
11:00 Monday.....	3:30 p.m.
Eng. 220 and Sp. 220.....	7:00 p.m.
2:00 Monday.....	Wednesday, Dec. 14, 7:30 a.m.
9:00 Monday.....	10:00 a.m.
3:00 Tuesday.....	1:00 p.m.
3:00 Monday.....	3:30 p.m.
Biol. 102.....	7:00 p.m.
1:00 Tuesday.....	Thursday, Dec. 15, 7:30 a.m.
Pol. Sci. 102.....	10:00 a.m.
12:00 Monday.....	1:00 p.m.
10:00 Monday.....	3:30 p.m.
P.E. 250.....	7:00 p.m.
Chem. 113.....	Friday, Dec. 16, 7:30 a.m.
8:00 Monday.....	10:00 a.m.
1:00 Monday.....	1:00 p.m.
12:00 Tuesday.....	3:30 p.m.
Sp. 102.....	7:00 p.m.
Hist. 151.....	Saturday, Dec. 17, 8:00 a.m.
8:00 Tuesday.....	10:30 a.m.
4:00 Tuesday.....	1:00 p.m.
10:00 Tuesday.....	Monday, Dec. 19, 7:30 a.m.
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—Bearfacts—

All National Direct Student Loan borrowers who do not plan to return to school in the spring semester should report to the NDSL office in the Administration Building immediately.

Alpha Mu Gamma will be Christmas caroling Saturday, Dec. 10, in the retirement homes around Maryville. They will be singing in French, Spanish and German.

For November, Cardinal Key has chosen Jo Boley as the Leader of the Month for her excellent work with the Muscular Dystrophy Dance Marathon.

Each month Cardinal Key choses an outstanding leader who is not a member of their organization.

The Textbook Service is being relocated in Hudson Hall, North Wing, Lower Level. The entrance will be in the back of student parking lot seven.

The move will be completed by Dec. 8. Students should return textbooks to the new location.

Summer '78 can be spent in Europe by bicycle enthusiasts. The itinerary will include crossing the Alps by bicycle and over-nights at hostels.

Bicyclists must be in excellent physical condition and willing to endure heat, cold, sun and rain. Cost is reasonable. For more information contact Richard Landes, Garrett-Strong 307.

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland and U.S. Senator Thomas Eagleton will participate in a Farm Forum to discuss the proposed farm strike scheduled to begin Dec. 14.

The meeting will be broadcast live from Cameron 10 a.m., Dec. 10, on KXCV-90.5 FM.

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Artist teaches kids to discover talents



Mary Beth Francis has combined her talent in art with a study of children's developmental stages in art to provide weekly sessions for children in the Margaret Davison Complex. Photo by Jay Liebenguth.

Joy Wade

"It's all right," the dark-headed girl consoled the child as he discouragingly gave up on his third attempt to draw a Christmas tree.

"You can make your tree look however you want. No two trees look the same anyway." Trying again, the child drew a well-shaped tree and, in a happier spirit, added a Santa Claus.

The girl is Mary Beth Francis, a senior art student, and the child is one of a dozen regulars who attend the weekly art sessions Mary Beth holds at the Margaret Davison Complex as part of an independent study.

"How well children do in art depends on how much encouragement they get," she

has noticed. "I give them different media to work with, and they work in whatever media they want." These vary between watercolors, fingerpainting, chalk and drawing--the materials being provided by the housing complex.

Many of those intently-drawn little sketches are compiled in a notebook for Mary Beth's independent study on the developmental stages in children's art work.

When I started the class, I thought, 'How do you learn about children and their art work while working with them?' " she recalled. Between the efforts of her instructor, Don Robertson, and the complex manager, Charles Baird, it was agreed to let her work with the children at the Complex from 3-5 p.m. every Friday.

Although there wasn't a standing line for the first of the sessions, attendance soon picked up as news of the venture spread on the youthful grapevine.

"I only had one or two children the first couple of weeks," Mary Beth remembered. "But I encouraged them to tell their friends about it, and I'd go outside where the children were playing and ask if they wanted to come in and see what we were doing."

Now, about a dozen children show up regularly. After all, "no child can pass up a new box of crayons!"

The children understood the purpose of her class notebook easily, and "then they were eager to draw things for the notebook. I have stacks--too many for my notebook. But I have them all over my walls!"

From these samples, Mary Beth has organized eight stages in the children's development. The first three deal with learning to control and name their work, called disordered scribbling, controlled scribbling and named scribbling.

As Mary Beth pointed out, "It's hard to determine the levels; if I wasn't there with them, I wouldn't have even recognized the named scribbling."

The next set of stages include the

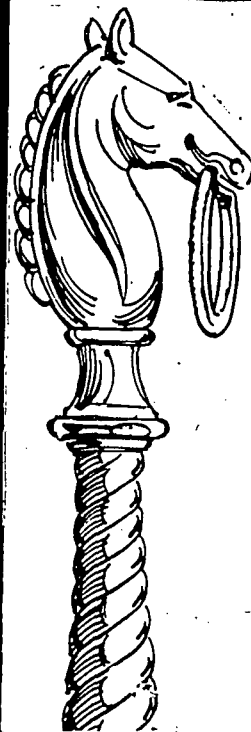
preschematic, between preschematic and schematic, and schematic. These represent an increasing awareness of the human form and of a base line, as the ground, or the difference between the ground and sky.

Final stages include the gang stage, which shows detailed characteristics, and the pseudo-naturalistic, which is very close to portraying a real form.

Not all aspects of the project are so serious or academic, though. In addition to having fun, Mary Beth tries to instill confidence in some of the children.

"Usually I let them come to me if they need help," she explained. "I feel they need to do their own work. But some children draw one line and crumple the paper and throw it away. I tell them that whatever they draw is fine--this isn't a class."

Since the project has gone over so well with the children, and from her own enjoyment, Mary Beth plans on continuing her sessions next semester. Even though "it wasn't a class for them," she described, "it was a learning experience for each of us."



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Veterans note address change

Students who have been receiving Veterans Administration checks and who'll be moving at the end of the fall semester should leave their forwarding address and notify the VA representative.

Those students who change addresses and fail to notify the VA may miss their final check according to Tom Lane, VA representative on both campuses.

Lane says VA checks for the final month of training, or partial month, will be issued on the first day of the following month, and unless the VA and the postal service have received a change of address, the check will be mailed to the address provided by the students during the academic term.

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A woman's place to do the dishes?

Dishes clank. Steam rolls. The occasional breaking of a glass can be heard.

A cafeteria dishroom worker is seen heaving another steaming load of silverware off the conveyor away from the dishwasher.

The casual glance narrows in on the scene. Suddenly it is obvious that the arms lifting that load off the machine are attached to a female body.

Those arms belong to the student dishroom supervisor Donna Bovaird. Bovaird, in charge of eight to ten students, is one of 16 student supervisors.

Of the 16 she is the only female.

"I feel I had to prove myself—perhaps more so than a guy would have had to—partly because of the heavy work and partly hesitation as to whether guys would want to take orders from me," Bovaird said.

Bovaird is the second female supervisor Frances Plymell, supervisor of student employees and long-time cafeteria worker, knows of. Three years ago Shelia Rouse was the first. "The dishroom supervisor is required to do more heavy work," Plymell said. "The silverware is heavy coming off the machine, and cleanup is not as desirable a job."

Heavy duty or not, Bovaird had decided long before she was offered the position in June she wanted the job. She turned down several opportunities for the more glamorous checker job.

Bovaird, a senior majoring in computer science, feels the position is "fulfillment of a personal goal." And partly because of her farm background, she admits, she "likes the hard work of the dishroom."

In addition, she wanted the job because she felt she was qualified for it. Those qualifications, Bovaird says, include the knowledge of all the dishroom jobs—sorting and stacking dishes on the belt, loading the dishwasher, unloading and putting dishes away, and cleaning of the dishroom area.

The supervisor must "make sure everybody's pulling their fair share of the load" and "pitch in and help when needed," said Bovaird.

Plymell adds the ability to give orders and get along with other workers to the qualifications. "I admire Donna's approach in command," said Plymell. "She is capable and quiet. She doesn't ever have to get mad."

Has she had any problems with her crew taking orders? "No," answered Bovaird without hesitation. I don't 'lord it over them' that I'm supervisor. I ask them to do it rather than tell them," she said.



Dirty dishes

Cafeteria supervisor Donna Bovaird loads the dishwasher in one of many duties required of a dishroom worker. Bovaird is the second female to ever hold the position as supervisor according to Frances Plymell, supervisor of student employees. Bovaird is in charge of seven workers in her current shift. Photo by Chuck Stolz.

"She's probably one of the easiest supervisors to work for," said fellow worker Tom Dixon. "I work with her, not for her."

"I don't think of her as a girl as a boss," said Anna Groves. "She's just nice to work for. As many would agree, the dishroom is one of the hardest and least desirable jobs on campus."

Does the hard work pay off? As a student supervisor Bovaird receives \$2.30 an hour and a 15-meal plan. She also is frequently asked to serve banquet and parties in the Student Union under Patsy Wilson, banquet supervisor.

Would she give up the supervisor job to the more casual party waitress job? "Absolutely not!" she said.

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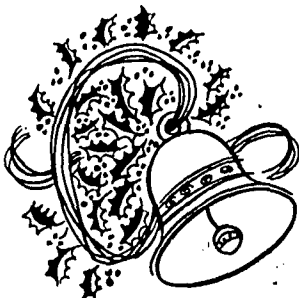
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Sports

Gymnasts vault to victory

Northwest Missouri State's gymnastics team won beginner's team competition last Saturday in a meet held on campus.

Competing against Kishwaukee College and Texas Christian University, Joy Emery won All-Around competition in the beginners' category by placing second in vault, bars and beam competition. In addition, Beth Hargrove captured first place in bars competition and Paula Ohrt took first in beam and floor exercises. The team took five of the top six places in floor exercises.

In the intermediate division, top honors

went to Dee Dee Whitton of Texas Christian. Whitton took first place in all four events.

Top performances by NWMSU participants were in the compulsory floor exercises, where Bobbie Felthousen took first place, and in compulsory vault, with Carol Dyke taking top honors.

According to Coach Sandra Mull, "The girls did very well. It was their first meet of the season and the first meet ever for four girls. All the girls came through especially well under the pressure of their first competition."

Bearcats, 'Kittens return to action Saturday

Only one week after capturing their respective division championships in the Ryland Milner Invitational, the Bearkittens and 'Cats return to action Saturday at Lamkin Gymnasium.

For the 'Kittens, Saturday's game will be their first since running past Tarkio 87-69 in the finals of the Milner Tourney. Their opponents for the 5 p.m. home game will be William Penn, traditionally a nationally-ranked team. The First Ladies of William Penn have been Region VI basketball champions four of the past five years.

The visiting First Ladies will face a Bearkitten squad that has averaged better than 80 points per game in posting a 6-1 record. The 'Kittens have been led in the scoring column so far by forward Janet Cooksey. Cooksey is averaging 17.5 points per game, aided by the Bearkitten record of 31 points against Tarkio.

The Bearkittens have three other players scoring in double figures. Patty Painter leads with a 13.4 average and is followed by Julie Chadwick with 11 points per game, and Julie Schmitz with ten.

In other departments, the Bearkittens have been led in rebounding by Julie Chadwick, who has grabbed 8.6 caroms a game. Schmitz leads the team in assists with 39.

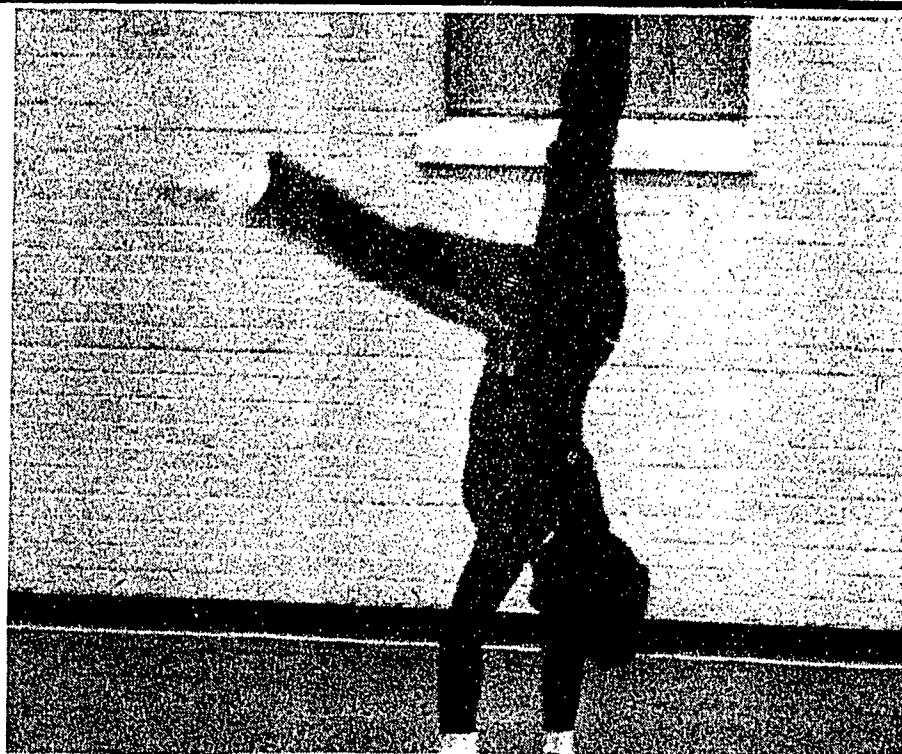
Following the women's game, the Bearcats will host Dana College of Blair, NE, in a scheduled 7 p.m. game.

The visiting Vikings field a short team, with their tallest starter being only 6'6". Rebuilding from a poor 4-19 campaign a year ago, they will be hoping to tie up the series between them and the Bearcats. The Bearcats have won the only game played between the two teams.

Dana will face a 2-2 Bearcat squad that has raced past its last two opponents while racking up nearly 90 points per game over the season.

Three members of the 'Cats were scoring in double figures prior to Wednesday night's game against Park College. Leading the way is forward Dean Petersen, averaging 19.5 a game. Following him are guards Phil Blount and George Davis, scoring at 15 and 10 points per game respectively.

Petersen is also the team leader in rebounding, coming up with ten misfires per game. Top assist man so far has been guard Bill Sobbe, with 19.



A Northwest Missouri State gymnast performs part of her floor exercises in a recent home meet. The squad took first in beginners' competition at the meet. Photo by Dave Gieseke.



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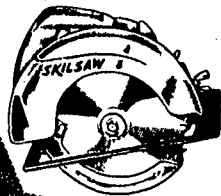


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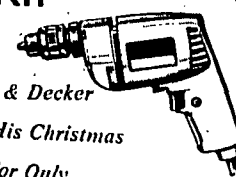
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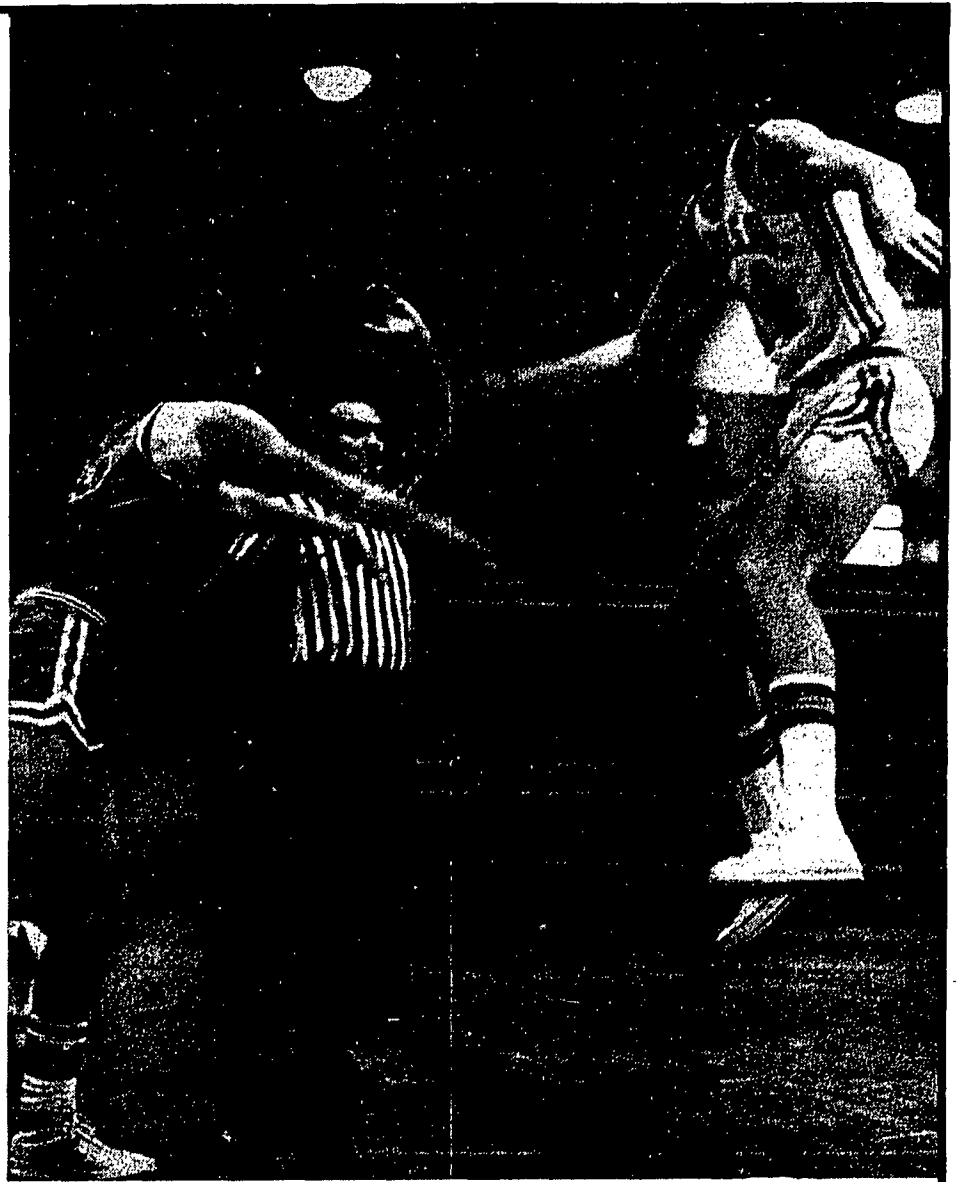
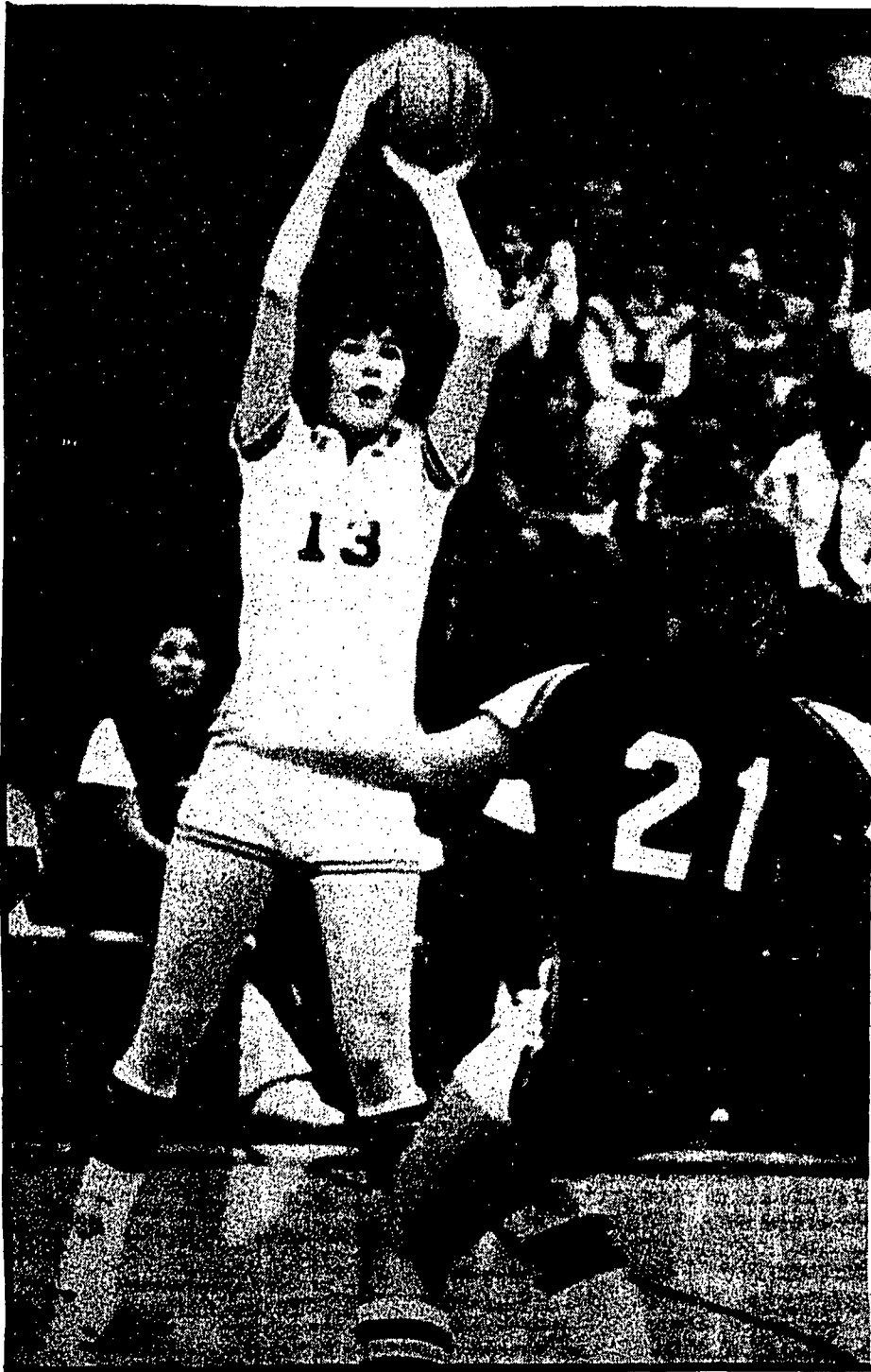
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Sports



The Bearkittens and Bearcats won their respective divisions in the Ryland Milner Tourney held last weekend. In action, at left, Janet Cooksey shoots for two of her record 31 points against Tarkio, the other finalist. Photo by Dave Gieseke. Above, Russ Miller applies pressure to the opponent attempting to make an inbound pass. Photo by Jay Liebenguth.

On the sidelines

Dale Gard

Annually the major league baseball meetings, held in Honolulu this year, are dominated by teams trying to make the trade that will make them a winner.

This year has been no exception, with trade talks dominating the winter meetings. One team that has been in the midst of trade discussions and speculations since the beginning of the meetings has been the Kansas City Royals.

The Royals, who have built their team on astute trades, are just a couple of trades away from being the top team in baseball. They lack two things: another starting left-handed pitcher to go along with Paul Splittorff and a good relief pitcher.

The weakness in the bullpen became particularly evident in their final game of the season against the Yankees. The Royals, as you recall, were ahead of the Yanks going into the last inning of the playoffs. They were unable to bring in the stopper from the bullpen that could have wrapped up a World Series berth.

This year, the Royals have made a big mistake. In the winter meetings, they turned down a trade involving third-string catcher Buck Martinez and another player not mentioned for the Cardinals' Al Hrabosky. The Royals have apparently balked due to Hrabosky's salary, but it is the feeling here that being able to get a reliever of Hrabosky's caliber, someone who could become the stopper the Royals need, in exchange for a player who doesn't figure much in their future, is a good deal and one that certainly shouldn't have been passed up.

Royals' executives have been actively trying to obtain a player to fill their other key need, that being the left-handed starter. But the trade that is being mentioned most of all could be a big mistake for the Royals.

The trade rumor with the most press so far has centered around first baseman John

Mayberry and the Mets' Jerry Koosman. Any trade which would involve these two players would certainly be a mistake that the Royals would regret.

Mayberry is a great-fielding first baseman. His glove alone would be hard to replace. Plus, there is his bat to consider. True, he seemingly has been in a slump the past two years, but even in those two years he has managed to hit enough homers to drive in quite a few runs. Another thing to consider is that Mayberry is still young and, should he break out of his slump, would be a force to reckon with around the league.

On the other side of the coin is Koosman. Koosman has been a good pitcher in the past and he is a lefty. But he is 34 years old and has maybe two good years left. The Royals would do better to look for a younger pitcher to fit in with their team, maybe even Koosman's teammate, Jon Matlock.

The Royals definitely need the starter and the good reliever, but so far, it looks like they haven't put too much thought into their needs.

sports spot

KDLX and the Bearkittens will clash in a and toys for some of the county's needy benefit basketball game, Monday, Dec. 12 families. Last year KDLX's campaign for in Lamkin. Admission for the game is 25 deserving families in Nodaway County cents, with proceeds going into the KDLX resulted in more than \$1,000 collected by Christmas Fund to provide food, clothing, the University students.

Past player coaches former teammates

Dave Gieseke

After four years on the Bearkitten basketball court, Trish VanOosbree now spends her time on the 'Kitten bench.

VanOosbree, who holds 'Kitten records for the number of rebounds in a season and game, is the assistant basketball coach to women's mentor, John Poulson.

"I coach because it is good experience for me. Also financially it helps me to go on to school," she said.

VanOosbree is a 1977 graduate of NWMSU and is currently a graduate student.

During her four years as center on the Bearkitten team, VanOosbree earned such honors as being named to the AIAW all tournament team as a junior. She also placed on the all tournament team at the Ryland Milner Tournament held here last year.

After playing for four years and only coaching for a few months, VanOosbree has already found differences between the two aspects of basketball.

"Coaching is harder until game time,"



Trish VanOosbree listens on as Coach John Poulson talks to his Bearkitten squad. VanOosbree is an assistant coach this year for the Bearkittens after playing on the team the past four years. Photo by Dave Gieseke.

she said. "As a player, you do as you are told while a coach has to tell the player what to do."

"Playing is more fun," she continued.

Another difference between the two years for VanOosbree is that she has to sit on the sidelines while the game is in progress.

"You yell a lot on the bench. Sometimes

you want to go out on the court and win it for them. But you can't."

After she completes her graduate study, VanOosbree plans to go on into the coaching field.

"I've also enjoyed the sport," she said.

Part of her coaching is dealing with head coach John Poulson. She has nothing but praise for him.

"Coach Poulson is one of the top coaches in high school or college," she said. "He's one of the best coaches I've ever met. He always has time to talk to you about basketball."

A major factor that could affect her coaching this year is her teammates of a year ago. After playing with them, she now has authority over them. But VanOosbree does not think this is a problem because the Bearkittens have had former players as assistants for the last three years.

"I think they're kind of used to having a player become their coach," she said.

Wrestlers take first at Graceland

Bearcat wrestlers opened their season with a first place finish in the Graceland Invitational last weekend.

The 'Cats tallied 92½ points to top the competition. Central Iowa came in second with 67 while William Penn captured third. Penn finished with 59¼ points in the nine-team tournament.

Four Bearcats placed first at Graceland. Mike Colwell, a 118-pound sophomore, defeated three wrestlers, repeating as champion in this class.

Bob Klein (150) also captured an individual title as did Marty Carter at 158. The last title winner for the 'Cats was heavyweight Tim McGinnis.

Other top finishers for the 'Cats were Darrell Weaver, who finished second at 158 and Glen Zenor, a second place winner at 177.

Dave Robertson finished fourth at 167. "I was real happy with our kids. They gave more than I suspected they would," Coach George Worley said.

This weekend the 'Cats will host the 12th annual NWMSU Invitational. Eight teams will come to Lamkin Gymnasium in search of the title.

According to Coach Worley, the teams to beat will be Central Oklahoma and Augustana.

"They are both top ranked teams in the nation," said Worley.

Despite the tough competition Worley still hopes to place high in the tournament.

"I would like to end up in the upper division. I think we have a chance at individual titles at our better weights," he said.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor and readers:

Last weekend five student government delegations representing as many Missouri universities convened in Kirksville to lay the cornerstone for the Missouri Student Government Conference.

Now it is especially vital for the students here to express their concerns to the Student Senate because the conference will improve our ability to deal with these problems. Student grievances, for example, should be directed to the Student Information Committee. Questions concerning the Senate itself should go to the Student Affairs Committee. The Recruiting and Academic Affairs committees will deal with questions in their respective areas.

We need your help to make this a better place to live, to get an education and to look up to.

Mike Jones
Junior Class President

Dear Ms. Bovaird:

Years ago a man named Hal Liston said something about newspapers which I would like to paraphrase: "What most campuses need is fewer stupid readers, not necessarily better newspapers. The *Missourian*, in my view, is a better newspaper than many of its readers deserve." (The readers I refer to will never be reading this.)

Yet I find some of your practices puzzling. For example, if, as you claim, you are "a laboratory newspaper" that simulates the "real world" press and operates under its principles, then why do you persist in seemingly amateurish practice of publishing how many members of your editorial staff agree or disagree with a published viewpoint? Are your editorials Supreme Court opinions? You seem to treat them so.

Last week's innocuous collection of words which you call "a commentary" had five concurring and two dissenting and one "no comment." I ask you to rethink this policy because it appears to be amateurish and inconsistent with your own objectives. Enclosed you will find an editorial from the *Akron Beacon Journal* entitled "Why Our Editorials Aren't Signed."

As a member of the Knight newspaper chain and winner of awards, the newspaper does not sign its editorials. (You don't either and are to be congratulated for that.) But neither does it give a box score on the editorial staff's voting. Nor, to my knowledge, do other papers. I don't recall ever having seen this practice done. Of course I could be wrong in which case please educate me.

I ask you to rethink this policy of "box scoring" your editorials for a second reason: it makes no sense.

Your "commentary" of Dec. 2 described the inauguration as "pretty impressive"; and, on the other, the same commentary said it was "out of touch with reality." One seems favorable and the other seems unfavorable. When you as a member of the editorial staff agree with an editorial view, does that mean that if the editorial has 12 sentences, you agree with all 12 of them?

This "box scoring" appears to be amateurish and inconsistent with your own objectives. It allows you to serve milktoast instead of punch. You ought to rethink this policy. Your readers deserve an explanation of it.

Remember, my general feeling about the newspaper is expressed in the first paragraph above. Thank you for an overall good job.

Sincerely,
Rich M. Brelner
Speech and Theater

The Stroller

Sudden panic struck your Stroller as he watched football on T.V. and gulped down yet another beer that Monday night. For this was no ordinary night, he realized. It was the Eve of the Great Judgment--finals.

Cursing the powerful beings who had taken away the traditional "Dead Day" for recuperating from parties the night before, your campus crusader realized there would be nothing but a dead morning, and that wouldn't give him time to recover for his first final.

In an earnest fervor, your Stroller cleared off his desk in one sweeping motion. Into the trash went the whole semester's accumulation of empty booze bottles, and other memories of tantalizing jungle juice he had shared with his countless friends.

Now, where to start. Your Stroller wasn't quite sure. In a moment of revelation, he remembered a girl he had sat next to that time he went to one of his classes. She was your basic Susie Studious type, so he decided to call her to his rescue. After almost getting mangled by a speeding security car and getting stuck in a dorm elevator, your campus carouser

finally found Susie's room. She had, of course, been studying. Her books were neatly arranged on her desk, and she announced she had finished studying for her finals three weeks ago and was now working on next semester's. Seeing what a wretched soul he was, Susie agreed to study with your hapless Stroller.

Not wanting to ruin his reputation, your Stroller decided to escort Susie up to his room the most inconspicuous way he could think of. So, the two bounded up the deserted back stairway and finally made it to your Stroller's room.

After shutting and locking the door so they wouldn't be disturbed, your Stroller found it was time to crack open the books. Literally. Your campus crusader carefully undid the paper sack containing the books so as not to tear the computer read-off of his class schedule.

Susie was looking on in amazement as your Stroller carefully checked the code numbers along side the textbooks. They all matched. After writing his name in the front of each, he knew there was no more puting off.

As Susie began drilling your Stroller on basic math principles, his thoughts drifted off to better times. Wasn't it only yesterday that he and his friends threw a fun-filled, action-packed party that lasted until his 8 a.m. class? Yes, as a matter of fact, he remembered it was only yesterday, which might explain the fact that he felt so drowsy now.

Deciding that it would be no use to try to memorize 12 chapters of math, your sleepy Stroller dismissed Susie and decided to hit the sack. But before giving in to the Sandman, your campus friend tried to convince the great Stroller in the sky to cut him some slack on this semester's finals.

Editor's Note:

The policy was set up to allow the dissenting members of the editorial staff to show their vote. Although the practice is not widespread, the idea was picked up at a workshop from All-American newspapers which were on display. Since this is a

laboratory newspaper, we often experiment with ideas. This one has been discussed and probably will be discussed again with the new editorial board for spring semester. Thank you for your expressed viewpoint. We appreciate your interest in the *Missourian*.

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Letters to the editor are welcomed. Letters must be signed and pseudonyms will be identified as such. Names will be withheld upon request, but all names must be kept on file. Letters must not exceed the 350-word limit, and this publication reserves the right to edit.



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